

and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

The Gradual *Psalm 84:1-8 (read responsively by whole verse)*
How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
*The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.*
Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
*Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims’ way.*

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
*They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.*
Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
*Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.*

The Second Lesson *Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a*
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.
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Sequence Hymn 101 *Away in a manger* *Cradle Song*

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.
After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.” When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that

what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”
The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. James B. Flowers

The Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People
God is both sun and shield; God will give grace and glory. In the house of our God, let us pray, “God of hosts, *hear our prayer.*”
We give thanks for your Church, O God. Bless it with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. May we be made happy in the knowledge of the hope to which we are called.
You are invited to add your own thanksgivings.
Silence
God of hosts,
Hear our prayer.
We give thanks for this nation, O God. Give to our leaders a spirit of wisdom. Deliver them from selfish ambition and give all the people a heart for your children, especially those little ones living in poverty or exile.
Silence
God of hosts,
Hear our prayer.
We give thanks for your creation, O God. Where there is desolation, bring forth springs of clean water. Where your creatures are without a place, may they find a place with you.

Silence
God of hosts,
Hear our prayer.
We give thanks for this city, O God. Set us on a straight path where we shall not stumble. Bring new life to languishing areas.
Silence
God of hosts,
Hear our prayer.
We give thanks for all those in our lives, O God. We pray especially for those who know weeping and tears. Turn their mourning into joy, comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
You are invited to add your own petitions.
Silence
God of hosts,
Hear our prayer.
We give thanks for the saints at rest, O God. Gather them into your great heavenly company. May they enjoy forever the riches of your glorious inheritance.
Silence
God of hosts,
Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect
O God, your mercy endures forever. Hear the prayers of your people, and grant us the strength and the courage to walk in your ways, all the days of our lives. In the name of Jesus we pray. *Amen.*

Walk in love as Christ loved us, and gave himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.

All are welcome to receive the bread and wine at the altar. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. The bread is received in the open palm. The wine is taken by drinking from the chalice (please help guide it to your mouth

by holding the base of the chalice). Gluten-free wafers are available by request, by placing one hand across your chest. If you do not wish to receive the sacrament, you are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to receive it.

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer 2, from *Enriching our Worship*
Sursum Corda and Proper Preface
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus S-130 *Franz Schubert (1797-1828)*
The Celebrant continues
Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.” As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with [_____ and] all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord’s Prayer
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem S-164 *Franz Schubert*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Eternal God, we thank you that in Christ you give yourself into our hands: may we who have tasted life proclaim the coming feast when many will come from east and west, from north and south to greet the Lord of all; we ask this in his name. Amen.

The Blessing

May we who have been touched by the Word made flesh be his body for the world, his hands to bring blessing, his senses to glory, in the promise of creation restored; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

For the Procession All Glory be to God on High Andreas Nicolaus Vetter (1666-1734)

Please remain in place until the procession is completed.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God.

Breakfast will follow in Stirling Hall.

We welcome back Jeannie Kienzle at the organ while Josh is out of town. Thank you, Jeannie!

The Christmas greenery is given...

In thanksgiving for: All Saints Church; Ron & Mary Beth Allison; Michelle Allison; the children & grandchildren of Bob & Cynthia Donnell; David & Ginger, Sam, and Walker Dyson; Phil Dyson; Megg & Drew Edgar; Rhett Flowers; James & Corey, Elliott, and George Flowers; Katie Herndon, Emery Herndon; David Owens; Joseph Owens; Mary Tucker

In memory of: Mr. & Mrs. Horace Beaven; Mr. & Mrs. William Carsten; Mr. Louis B. Cope; Peggy Dyson; Michael Bishop Elledge; Charlotte Hall; Maxie Hursey Hardaway & Ralph Lane Hardaway; Malcolm Ellis Hinton; Bernard Sheridan Kling; Ella Hess Kling; Gerald Danna Michell; Annalise Rufer; John Tucker

Serving today:
Lector: Nic Wood
Intercessor: Woody Hannum
Chalice: Bob Allen
Usher: Woody Hannum
Altar Guild: Barbara Caddell, Lucy Cope, Patricia Donalson
Bread Baker: Martha Durant
Breakfast: Elva Goldman, Maggie Prestridge, Michael Johnson, Brian Allison
Doorkeeper: Valerie Case
Flowers: Wedding flowers
LEV: Beth Hardaway (Barretts)

Upcoming schedule:
Sun, Jan 4 7:45a Nursery opens
 8a Holy Eucharist, church
 9a Breakfast, Stirling Hall
 9:15a Adult choir rehearsal, Choir Rm
 9:15a-10:15a Godly Play, upstairs in Parish House
 9:30a Adult Sunday School, Smith Rm
 10:30a Holy Eucharist, church
 Reception follows, Parish House
Mon, Jan 5 7p AA, Smith Rm
Wed, Jan 7 8a Food Share distribution, Stirling Hall

We are a community of faith who seek to continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers; who seek to serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves; who strive for justice and peace among all people; and respect the dignity of every human being. *Baptismal Covenant, BCP, p.304*

If you are visiting please make yourself known to us either face to face, via the information cards in the pew racks, or via email: office@allsaintsmobile.org

Sign up for our parish newsletter! <https://www.allsaintsmobile.net/the-herald/>

New to The Episcopal Church? Here are a few websites that can help explain our style of worship and any unfamiliar terminology (watch any videos later):
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/dfms/what-to-expect-when-you-visit/>
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/organizations-affiliations/lgbtq/>
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/racial-reconciliation/>
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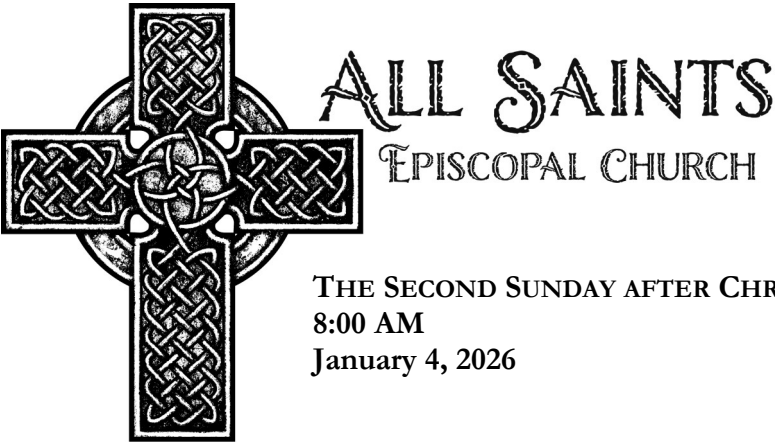
Please keep in your prayers . . .

For healing for: Hursey Smith, Terry, Kaky Hughes, Judy Boswell, Sheridan Hinton, Lily O., Byron & Kay Cruthirds, Marie Quinn, Amy & Clay Carmichael, the Oom family, Debbie Boelte, Penelope, Kevin, Donna Bowcock, Paul Dagenais, Evi Valera, Curran Foose, Patty McMillan, Michael Laird, Joan, Ben Wilson, Mary Robert, Carolyn Thornton, Stephen Rollins, Peggy Barnett, the Simpson family, the Carr family, the Landrum family, James Lee Quinn, Monica Thompson, Mary Hunter Slaton, Dana Pollock, Cora Lou Robinson, Karen Bullock, Buck Baker, Robin Steele, Lequita Adkins, Phyllis Smith, Bryan LaPorte, Will Strickland, Sue Elledge, Bruce Barrett, Lister Thomas, Nick Nichols, Meg Stojanik, Jan Cade, Chuck Salmon, Serena Willcox, Claudia McClure, Caden Gray, Mary, Richard Cade, Jr., Hannah Pullins, Cora Cade Lemmon, Becky Wilson, Rose Ellen Stanbery, Adele Smith, Marcia Wyatt, Jacky Bell, Eve Morrison, Colleen, Ann Wesley, Staci Smith, Andi Barrett, Ken Buford, Dottie Dunnam, Gwyn Brantley, Mark Kidd, Lynn Koors, Mary Rose, Preston Griffith, Jan Irving, Frieda Kennedy, Hoagy, Tom Root, Shannon, Regina, Brian Davidson, Debra Guyton, John Gibson Baylor, Jr., Rita Foust, Haley, Jill, Jennifer Smith, Shannon Cook
For those who serve in the armed forces: especially Bernie Waters, David Palmer, David L. Ritter II, Ethan Roberts, Thomas Roberts, Matt Abbot, Trevor Thiel

For those who have died.

**Please notify the church office by the last Wednesday of the month if you wish your prayer concern to continue to be listed.*

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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
8:00 AM
January 4, 2026

Welcome to All Saints! We begin worship in holy silence.

*Please silence all cell phones. In the tradition of the church, prayer posture is standing or kneeling. Our preference at All Saints is standing, but kneeling is acceptable. The red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) & the blue Hymnal 1982 are in the book rack in front of you. Hymn numbers preceded by “S” are found in the front section of the hymnal. Words written in ***Bold Italics*** are said by the congregation.*

Voluntary What God Ordains is Always Good Johann G. Walther (1684-1748)

Hear the words of Jesus: You shall love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first Law of God, and the second is like it:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two laws hang the whole of scripture.

The Peace

The still of night is broken by a baby’s wordless cry; the gods of power are shaken by the nakedness of love; for in his flesh, he makes peace and ends the war against all. The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

The Gloria (*said by all*) [BCP, p. 356](#)

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
God of the refugees, sharing the exile road with all who flee the violence that enslaves and kills: as your Son sought asylum in a foreign land, make us ready to welcome the refugee and receive from her a new language of life and hope; through Jesus Christ, Rachel’s child. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson *Jeremiah 31:7-14*

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.” See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them,